Amendments to the Claims:

Please replace the application's listing of claims with the following listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method of paying for a parking space using a payment system including a payment means, said method comprising ~~appropriate payment means, whereby the user pays a given amount to benefit from a corresponding authorized parking time, said method comprising the steps of~~:

~~cooperating between said payment means and an appropriate processing and communication means for supplying to said~~ supplying to a user a code specific to a ~~the transaction~~ first payment corresponding to a first authorized parking time; and

said user making a second payment corresponding to a second authorized parking time,

when making said second payment, ~~cooperating between said payment means and an appropriate~~ a processing and input ~~means whereby the~~ said user ~~can enter~~ providing ~~the~~ said code ~~of an earlier transaction~~ specific to said first payment [and thereby] so as to increase[s] said second authorized parking time by ~~any~~ a residual authorized time corresponding to ~~the~~ said first authorized parking time ~~linked to said earlier transaction~~.

2. (currently amended) ~~Parking~~ The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the parking space is identified by ~~an appropriate~~ a number and the

user ~~must enter~~ provides said number during ~~the~~ said second payment ~~operation using the~~

~~appropriate input and processing means cooperating with said payment means~~.

3. (currently amended) ~~Parking~~ The parking space payment method according to

claim 2, wherein said parking space number is used ~~by said processing means~~ to generate

said ~~specific~~ code ~~of the transaction~~ specific to said first payment.

4. (currently amended) ~~Parking~~ The parking space payment method ~~according to~~

of claim 2, wherein said second authorized parking time is increased by ~~any remaining~~

~~authorized~~ any residual time ~~corresponding to the authorized time linked to said earlier~~

~~transaction code entered by the user~~ only if said ~~earlier transaction~~ first payment relates to

~~the same~~ said parking space.

5. (currently amended) ~~Parking~~ The parking space payment method of claim 1

~~according to claim 2~~, wherein ~~the~~ said first authorized parking time ~~corresponding to a~~

~~given amount paid by a user~~ is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said first payment, as defined in particular by ~~an~~

~~appropriate~~ a table of charges, and

any remaining authorized time corresponding to ~~the~~ a previous authorized time

relating to said parking space.

6. (currently amended) ~~Parking~~ The parking space payment method according to

claim 1[2], wherein the first authorized parking time ~~corresponding to a given amount~~

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~~paid by a user~~ is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said <u>first</u> payment as defined in particular by ~~an~~

~~appropriate~~ <u>a</u> table of charges<u>, and</u>

any remaining authorized times corresponding to preceding authorized times

relating to said parking space.

7. (currently amended) ~~Parking~~ <u>The parking</u> space payment method according to

claim 5, wherein only the time directly related to said <u>first</u> payment as defined in

particular by ~~an appropriate~~ <u>said</u> table of charges is communicated to the user ~~by~~

~~appropriate communication means cooperating with said payment means~~.

8. (currently amended) ~~Parking~~ <u>The parking</u> space payment method according to

claim [5] <u>1</u>, wherein ~~the~~ <u>said second</u> authorized parking time after the user enters ~~the~~ <u>said</u>

code ~~of an earlier transaction~~ is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said <u>second</u> payment, as defined in particular by ~~an~~

~~appropriate~~ <u>a</u> table of charges, plus any remaining authorized time corresponding to the

authorized time linked to said <u>first payment</u> ~~earlier transaction~~, and

any remaining authorized time corresponding to ~~the previous~~ <u>an</u> authorized time

relating to said parking space <u>of a transaction preceding said first payment</u>.

9. (previously presented) ~~Parking~~ <u>The parking</u> space payment method according

to claim [6] <u>1</u>, wherein ~~the~~ <u>said second</u> authorized parking time after the user enters ~~the~~

<u>said</u> code ~~of an earlier transaction~~ is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said <u>second</u> payment, as defined in particular by ~~an~~

~~appropriate~~ <u>a</u> table of charges, plus any remaining authorized time corresponding to ~~the~~

said <u>first</u> authorized <u>parking</u> time ~~linked to said earlier transaction~~, and

any remaining authorized times corresponding to previous authorized times

relating to said parking space <u>of transactions preceding said first payment</u>.

10. (previously presented) ~~Parking~~ <u>A parking</u> space payment system ~~including~~

~~appropriate payment means whereby a user pays a given amount to benefit from a~~

~~corresponding authorized parking time, said system~~ comprising<u>:</u>

~~payment means cooperating with appropriate processing and communication~~

~~means to supply to said user a code specific to the transaction; and~~

~~wherein said payment means cooperates with appropriate processing and input~~

~~means whereby the user can enter the code of an earlier transaction and thereby increase~~

~~said authorized parking time by any remaining authorized time corresponding to the~~

~~authorized time linked to said earlier transaction.~~

<u>a payment means wherein a user makes a first payment to benefit from a</u>

<u>corresponding first authorized parking time, and a second payment to benefit from a</u>

<u>corresponding second authorized parking time,</u>

<u>a processing and communication means that supplies said user a code specific to</u>

<u>said first payment, and</u>

<u>a processing and input means wherein said user, when making said second</u>

<u>payment, enters said code of said first payment so as to increase said second authorized</u>

<u>parking time by a remaining authorized parking time corresponding to said first</u>

<u>authorized parking time.</u>

11. (new) The parking space payment method of claim 1,

wherein said user makes said second payment before an expiry of time of said

first authorized parking time, and

wherein the residual authorized parking time corresponds to the time between the

second payment and the expiry time of the first authorized parking time.

12. (new) The parking space payment system of claim 10,

wherein the code of said first payment is valid until an expiry of time of said first

authorized parking time, and

wherein the residual authorized parking time corresponds to the time between said

second payment and the expiry time of said first authorized parking time.